**Adult Disability Payment – Daily Living scoring**

**Background**

We have received a high volume of requests from stakeholders for data on the number of people in Scotland who receive Adult Disability Payment and do not receive a minimum of four points for at least one of the Daily Living activities. This is because the UK Government had intended to make changes in relation to PIP in England and Wales which would have added new eligibility criteria requiring a score of a minimum of four points for at least one Daily Living activity to qualify for PIP. These figures are provided here due to those requests from stakeholders. The Scottish Government has no plans to change Adult Disability Payment in line with the previously intended changes the UK Government announced.

These figures are based on management information sourced from Social Security

Scotland’s case management system. The data was extracted on 24 March 2025 for one-off analysis. The dataset can’t be linked to any of our other datasets, meaning that only limited quality assurance checks could be conducted. As these figures are based on management information, they have not been quality assured to the same standard as Official Statistics.

Adult Disability Payment is made up of two components: a Daily Living component and a Mobility component, and each component has a Standard rate and an Enhanced rate. To determine eligibility for Adult Disability Payment and the appropriate level of support, Social Security Scotland use a points-based system to assess individuals on a number of activities related to Daily Living and Mobility. A combined score of at least 8 points across the 10 Daily Living activities is necessary for a Standard Award of the Daily Living component, while a combined score of at least 12 points is necessary for an Enhanced Award.

**Key Findings**

Of 434,115 recipients of Adult Disability Payment identified in the dataset as of 24 March 2025, just over half (53%) scored less than 4 points in all of the 10 activities, while the rest (47%) scored 4 points or more in at least one activity. However, this differed noticeably between award levels – 87% of those receiving the Standard rate scored less than 4 points in all activities, compared with 19% of those receiving the Enhanced rate.

The percentage who scored less than 4 points in all activities also varied by primary disability condition. The most common category of primary disabling condition in the dataset was Mental and Behavioural Disorders, making up around 40% of the total caseload, and 44% of the clients in this category scored less than 4 points in all of the 10 activities. The second most common category was Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue category with 25% of the caseload, and this group had the highest proportion scoring less than 4 points in all activities (72%). Clients with Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue were more likely to score less than 4 points in all activities than the level for all conditions regardless of whether they were receiving a standard (94% vs 87%) or enhanced (33% vs 19%) award.

Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa had the lowest proportion scoring less than 4 points in all activities (15%), but only 1% of clients in the dataset were in this category. Clients with Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa were less likely to score less than 4 points in all activities than the level for all conditions regardless of whether they were receiving a standard (54% vs 87%) or enhanced (5% vs 19%) award.

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**Table 1 – Number and Percentage of Clients who scored less than 4 points in all 10 Daily Living activities, by Daily Living award level & disability condition**

